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In Reply Refer To: 3HW16

Melvin Blum, President
Atomergic Chemicals, Inc.
91 Carolyn Boulevard
Farmingdale, NY 11735-1527

Re: Fike Chemical Inc. Superfund Site/
Artel Chemical Corporation

Dear Mr. Blum:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering spending public funds to investigate and take corrective action in order to prevent and control releases of hazardous substances at the above referenced site. Unless EPA determines that a responsible party will properly perform such actions, EPA intends to do so pursuant to Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. (CERCLA) as amended.

Section 107(a), of CERCLA 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), authorizes EPA to bring suit against responsible parties to recover all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release at the site. Such costs can include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, cleanup of the site and enforcement. By this letter, EPA notifies you of your potential liability with regard to this matter and encourages you to voluntarily undertake cleanup activities which will be overseen by EPA.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include current owners and operators of the site or facility, past owners and operators at the time of disposal of hazardous substances, and persons who generated or were involved in the transport, treatment, or disposal of hazardous substances at the site. EPA has information indicating that you and your company has or had ownership of stock in Artel Chemical Corporation and/or a significant involvement in the operation of the Artel Chemical Corporation. Therefore, your company is a potentially responsible party.

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